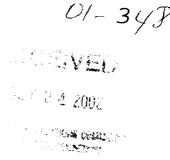
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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street **SW** Washington, **D.C.** 20554

Dear **Chairman** Powell:

I would like to convey my support for the EchoStar and Hughes Electronics merger proposal that the Fcdcral Communications Commission is considering.

As a REALTOR® in Iowa, I have seen many changes take place in the real estate profession over the years. One of those changes is the need for better and faster technology regardless of where you live. Currently, our rural areas are suffering because they do nor have the tools available to advance with technology.

I am writing to ask for your support of this merger so we can give the smaller communities the opportunity to thrive in a global marketplace. This merger will allow consumers who currently have no choices in high-speed Internet, or even local Internet dial-ups to be provided with options for the technology that most urban areas already have.

I believe if the FCC approves this merger, it will provide an important tool for rural Iowans and the businesses that serve them.

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Sincerely,

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